

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claim 4, 6, and 8 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 are herein amended. No new matter is added.

Claims 10 and 11 have been added, no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, and 11 are pending.

Applicants note that claims 7 and 9, at the time of filing, were claims for the ball joint, and not just for the bearing seat. However, in response to the previous office action, the claims were accidentally amended to recite a bearing seat. Applicants add claims 10 and 11 to recite the elements of claims 7 and 9 as originally presented, plus including allowable subject matter.

### **II. Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to the Drawings regarding the need to show the “a line apart from each other” and “a line along the longitudinal direction,” is noted. Applicants have amended claim 5 to remove one of the non-illustrated elements. For claim 3, “the first dimples are arranged so as to form a line apart from each other...” means that the first dimples are arranged apart from each other along the longitudinal direction and consequently the lines are formed along the line of longitudinal of the bearing seat, not that the lines are arranged apart from each other. Applicants

submit that all of the claimed elements are illustrated and no new or corrected drawings are submitted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the above objection.

### **III. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, of claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9, as being indefinite, is traversed.

Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection to those claims moot. Further, without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position or the need for amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 have been amended to more particularly claim the subject matter involved.

Specifically, the preambles of claims 1 and 5 have been amended to clarify that the positive element of the claims is the bearing seat of the ball joint, not the ball joint itself with the ball stud. Applicants appreciably thank the Examiner for his helpful advice and amended the preamble to recite "for" clauses.

Applicants did not amend the claims to recite a "third" plurality of dimples. Instead, Applicants further identified "small" and "large" dimples. The scope of the claims have not changed.

Applicants note that although the "communication" of the openings is clear, the claims are amended to recite that the openings are "approximately coinciding" as illustrated at least in Figure 4.

Applicants addressed the informalities in the claims and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn and the claims passed to issue.

**IV. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9 save for the informalities above. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended. Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled and reintroduced as claims 10 and 11. Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

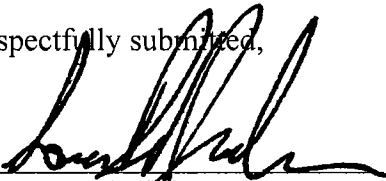
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Amendment or an Examiner's Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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